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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are also enclosed.

Except for the published U.S. patent application, the listed documents were cited in a European Search Report from a corresponding European patent application. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

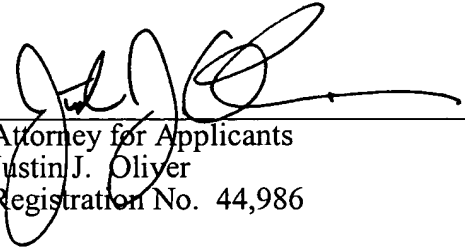
The French language document may be considered relevant inasmuch as it is cited in the Search Report. Also, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have obtained from a commercial database, and enclose herewith, an English-language abstract for that document. In addition, the published U.S. patent application listed on the Form PTO-1449 is in the same patent family as the French document.

No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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